

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**  
Lower Level – Room 40, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
**March 12, 2009**

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**Present:** Dick Faricy, Pat Igo, Carole Kralicek, Paul Larson, John Manning, Diane Trout-Oertel, Mark Thomas

**Absent:** Carol Carey (excused), Susan Foote (excused), April Haas (not excused), Lee Meyer (not excused), Steve Trimble (excused)

**Staff Present:** Amy Spong, Christine Boulware

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**BUSINESS MEETING**

**5:10**

**I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - Approved as submitted. 5-0 (Larson, Trout-Oertel)

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** - Laid over to the next business meeting.

**III. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The executive committee will meet monthly and will work to plan a retreat. A topic that will be addressed is conduct at meetings. Submit topic ideas to staff.

**IV. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. HPC will send a request letter to be a consulting party for the 3M Section 106 review process. Commissioners Carey, Larson and Trimble have been participating in the advisory process.
- B. February Design Review Statistics (submitted in packet)

**V. HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW** – Staff presented the historic resource reviews as a batch since they all had the same staff recommendation.

- A. **113 Como Avenue**, Historic Resource Review to advise City Council. The property has orders to remove or repair. The Legislative Hearing Officer continued the item to the March 24 Legislative Hearing with a City Council hearing date on April 1. (Boulware, 266-9067). Postponed from the February 26 Meeting. **Igo moved approval of the staff recommendation. Kralicek seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.**
- B. **604-608 Winslow Avenue**, Historic Resource Review to advise City Council. The property has orders to remove or repair. The Legislative Hearing Officer continued the item to the March 24 Legislative Hearing with a City Council hearing date on April 1. (Boulware, 266-9067). Postponed from the February 26 Meeting. **Igo moved approval of the staff recommendation. Kralicek seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.**
- C. **765 Edgerton Street**, Historic Resource Review to advise City Council. The property has orders to remove or repair. The Legislative Hearing Officer continued the item to the March 24 Legislative Hearing with a City Council hearing date on April 15. (Spong, 266-9079) **Igo moved approval of the staff recommendation. Kralicek seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.** Cheryl Peterson of the D5 planning council was present to speak and informed that she had been watching the house. She added that there have been too many demolitions and the new construction has been “terrible.” She stated that this is a prominently sited house and should be saved.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Central Corridor update, by Metropolitan Council, will focus on changes within the University-Raymond and Lowertown Historic Districts.

There was a presentation and discussion about streetscape improvements such as the replicas of the historic light fixtures and poles. The HPC was asked to provide input. There was discussion as to whether the HPC would follow SHPO and MNDOT's lead on the two options: 1. joint use of the fixtures or 2. Non-joint use. The HPC agreed that there should not be joint use of the poles and light fixtures and that new poles installed should have a slightly different bronze color than the existing light fixtures.

There was also discussion about the draft programmatic agreement, as the HPC is a signatory. Commissioner Larson submitted suggestions for changes to staff. There was concern expressed for buildings with local significance that got lost in the process. Chair Manning asked if the HPC could have a schedule of issues that may be coming up with the Central Corridor process.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A.** 3M Report – Commissioner Larson stated there are proposals on the table prior to the 106 process that include demolition. There needs to be a close look at boundaries and the period of significance. The public and advisory meetings continue and he feels optimistic about the process but knows the driving force is still pushing. He added that he will circulate a pdf. He stated the preservation workgroup has a proposal to keep buildings and respect the layout along with green spaces and infill.
- B.** City Hall/County Courthouse Security Committee – Commissioner Trout-Oertel noted the committee had met with Wold Architects twice and felt that the greatest concerns had been addressed: symmetry of the space, compatible materials, the need for more detail, articulation for a higher level of design and moveable materials, but still permanent. She concluded that the HPC was brought into the process late.
- C.** MNDOT resources – Garneth Peterson informed staff that city interpretive markers and kiosks were being planned along River Road. The HPC formed a committee to comment on the plans: Commissioners Faricy, Kralicek and Thomas.
- D.** Awards Committee – Staff are working on sending out the nomination forms. The awards date has been pushed back.

## **VIII. ADJOURN 6:35**

Submitted by: Christine Boulware